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Chapter 27 Guided Notes Assignment

**KEY PEOPLE, CONCEPTS, DEVELOPMENTS, IDEAS:**

*Pay particular attention to the items in this section as you read. At the conclusion of the chapter you should have a working understanding of these items.*

Cold War

Potsdam Conference

United Nations

North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)

Warsaw Pact

Displaced persons

Nuremberg trials

Existentialism

*Waiting for Godot*

Marshall Plan

Konrad Adenauer

Clement Atlee

French Office of Planning

Italian Christian Democratic Party

Nikita Khrushchev

European Economic Community (EEC)

Welfare State

Anti-Americanism

Council of Mutual Economic Assistance (COMECON)

Green Revolution

Mao Zedong

**KEY QUESTIONS:**

1. Compare and contrast 1939 Europe and 1945 Europe.
2. How and why was Europe divided into two separate and often hostile camps at the end of World War II? To what extent was this division an outgrowth of earlier developments?
3. Between 1914 and 1944 Europeans had suffered through an almost unbroken string of devastating crises. How as the trauma of this period expressed in the culture of the post-World War II period?
4. Compare and contrast East and West Germany.
5. What common difficulties confronted Britain, France, and Italy after 1944 and how did they face these difficulties?
6. What impacts did the death of Stalin have on the course of the Cold War?
7. What types of regimes replaced the colonial governments in Asia and Africa?
8. What is the “welfare state”? What kinds of benefits did it provide?
9. Why did Europe become increasingly urbanized in the second half of the 20th century?
10. What impact did the Cold War have on various regions in Europe? (Western, Eastern etc.)
11. Why did attempts to liberalize the communist regimes of Eastern Europe fail after the death of Stalin?

**CHAPTER OUTLINE**

**I. REBULIDING DIVIDED EUROPE**

* 1. In the Wake of Devastation
     1. The Potsdam Conference
     2. The United Nations and the Cold War Alliances
     3. Confronting Turmoil and Collaborators
  2. Economic Recovery and Prosperity
     1. Economic Cooperation
     2. The Post War Baby Boom
     3. The Green Revolution
     4. Welfare States
  3. Politics in the West in the Post-War Era
  4. Political Realignments
     1. Divided Germany
     2. Eastern Europe Under the Soviet Shadow
     3. The Soviet Union and its Satellites
  5. Changing Contours of Life
     1. Intellectual Currents in the Post-War Era
     2. Advances for Women
     3. Catholicism in Modern Europe
     4. An Urban World
     5. Living Better
     6. Oil and the Global Economy
  6. Conclusion